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Serial No.: 09/697,703 ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: October 27, 2000 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
For: POLARIZATION MODE DISPERSION )  
COMPENSATING APPARATUS, )  
SYSTEM, AND METHOD )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application.

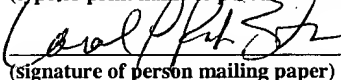
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I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449 and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001 in an envelope marked as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EL589573479US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Respectfully submitted,

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